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1. [redacted] enroute to Arkhangelsk, three naval vessels were seen at H 64-58, H 40-04, near Dvina Lightship. They were steaming toward the northwest at a speed of about ten to fifteen knots. All the vessels were similar and were about 150 feet long. Each ship had a break in the deckline amidships, one stack aft of the bridge, and one mast with a yardarm forward on the bridge. The ship's armament consisted of one gun on the forecastle and one on the afterdeck; both guns were of the same type and were estimated to be 20-millimeter automatic. On a casing located aft of the stack there was something on each side which resembled a double-barreled gun. The crew was covering them with tarpaulins [redacted]

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The tarpaulins did not have any holes for the gun barrels but simply covered the entire apparatus. On the afterdeck there were several paravanes, each about 20 feet long. The paravanes were provided with fins either in the middle or at the end; one fin, about five feet long and located in the middle of the paravane, had a streamlined through-section. [redacted]

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(see sketch No. 1).

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Vessels of the same type were frequently seen in the harbor at Arkhangelsk, [redacted]

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2. In the forenoon of 9 October, a gray-painted special vessel about 250 to 300 feet long was seen lying at anchor just off Sawmill No. 16-17. It had a long high foredeck with two breaks aft. There were two rows of ventilators forward and a row of fenders. The top bridge was set back, compared to the lower bridge, in such a way that one could go around the top bridge. In the middle of the bridge there was a tripod mast with a yardarm. Aft of the bridge there was a stack with a smoke cowl. There was a lifeboat on the port side, and two on the starboard side. A large crane mechanism was located on the middle deck aft. Three hoops aft were placed in the direction of travel of the ship. There were no guns or radar antennas. The vessel flew a green flag which had a white field with a red hammer and sickle on the upper left-hand corner and a white ring in the lower right-hand corner. [redacted]

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3. The crane on the vessel had a four-legged understructure [redacted]

[redacted] On top of the crane there was a control tower which looked as though it could turn on the base of the crane. The tower consisted of a rectangular base-plate with an upright post in each corner. There were inverted "V" beams between the posts. The crane control house was next to the forward post on the starboard side. The upright posts were connected above to horizontal beams in such a way that together they formed a "box". On top of this box there was a center post supported by four angle-iron stays, one in each corner. Uppermost on the center post there were two blocks. [redacted]

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[redacted] The crane arm was attached to one of the crossbeams in the box. The arm was about 50 feet long and was in a lowered position [redacted] The arm was made of two steel beams, one above the other, with a number of crosspieces in between (see sketch No. 3). Under the hoops on the stern there was a cylindrical object 10 to 15 feet long. On the forward end there was a manhole with a clamp. The other end was hidden by the bulwark.

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4. [redacted]

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5. At night it was possible to see a light or lights in the direction of Molotovsk from the mouth of the Dvina River and from Arkhangelsk.

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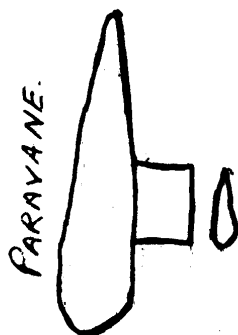
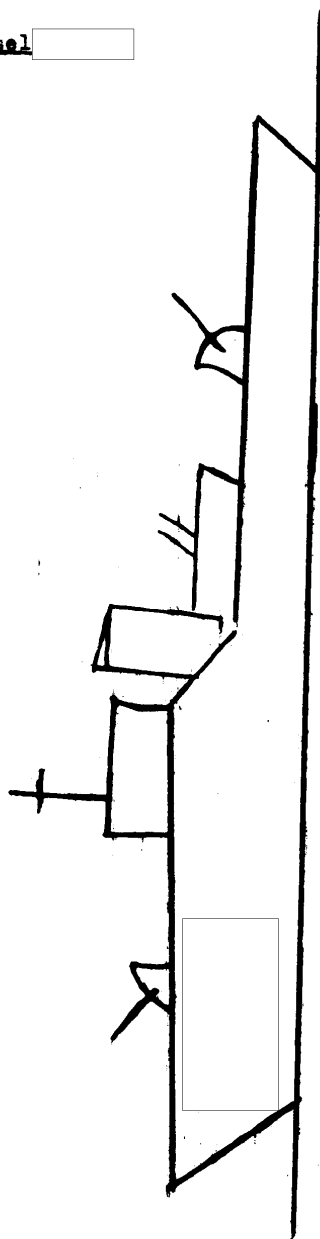
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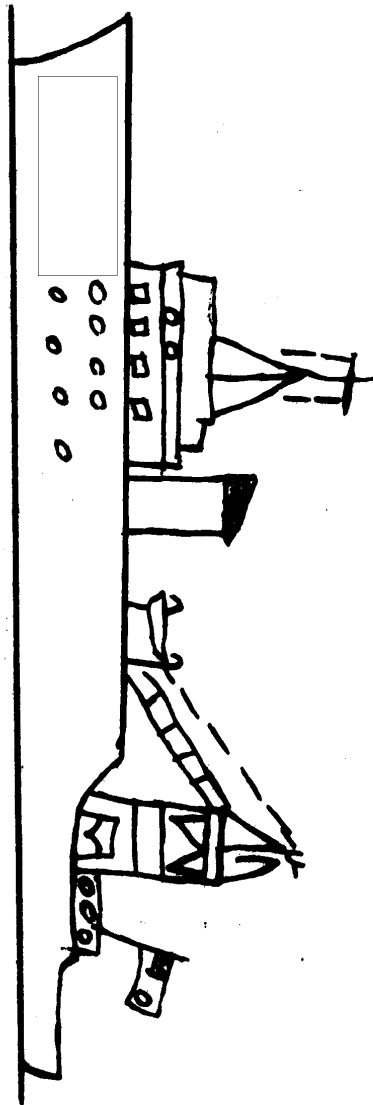
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Sketch of Vessel



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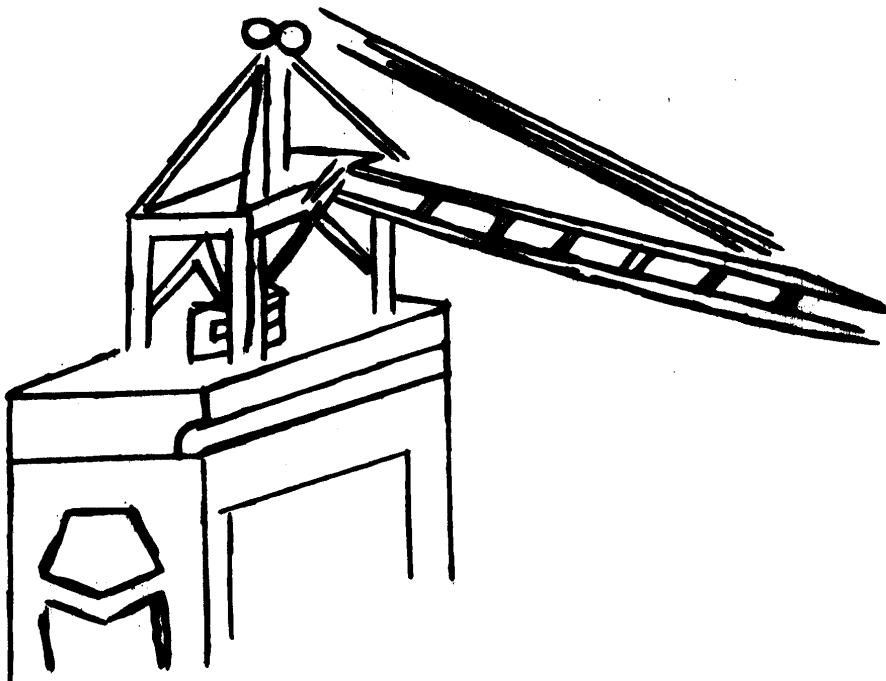
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Sketch of Crane on Vessel

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